

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

SUBJECT: **CEQA EXEMPTIONS FOR THE DUNCAN ROAD PAVING PROJECT IN THE PHELAN
AREA AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOWARD STREET IN THE
ONTARIO/MONTCLAIR AREA**

RECOMMENDATION: Find that the Duncan Road Paving Project in the Phelan area and improvement of Howard Street in the Ontario/Montclair area are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 1, Section 15301(c) {Minor Alterations}; and (2) Approve the projects as defined in the Notice of Exemptions and direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemptions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Duncan Road paving project involves the paving of Duncan Road between Beekley Road and Sheep Creek Road for a distance of one mile. This portion of Duncan Road is currently maintained by the County and is part of the High Desert Transportation Facilities Plan. The improvement of Howard Street is approximately 420 feet of Howard Street, from 610 feet west of Benson Avenue to 190 feet west of Benson Avenue, on the north side only. Improvements shall include widening the existing road and constructing curb, gutter and a six (6) foot wide sidewalk. All work for these projects will be performed within the existing road right-of-way.

Environmental staff of the Advance Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department has reviewed these items and recommended categorical exemptions for these projects. These projects qualify for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines Section 15301(c). Exempt projects allow for minor repairs and alterations with negligible expansion of the existing use. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of a Notice of Exemption is required.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: These items were reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico on currently reviewing and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on June 14, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The action to find these projects categorically exempt have minimal financial impact. Separate items will be brought to the Board to approve the plans, specifications, and authorize advertisement for bids for construction of the projects. The total project cost for Duncan Road is estimated at \$150,000 and will be constructed by Department Operations staff (SWO-Fee Plan- 13 KO0105). The total project cost for Howard Street is estimated at \$50,400 which will be funded by Gas Tax funds (SAA-TRA-TRA-56 H13598). The funding for these projects is included in the Fiscal Year 2003/2004 proposed Transportation Budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): Duncan Road – 1st District; Howard Street – 4th District

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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